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## WITHIN THE WEEK

*"Think of a low number!"*

That childhood game has been engaging nat'l legislators for the past fortnight. But "it ain't no childhood game" the way they play it! The idea is to determine a sum—a nice, round sum—between the President's budget figure of \$37.5 billion and the most rabidly optimistic Republican figure of \$30 billion—and then set out to trim the '48 fiscal budget to fit that figure.

Currently, the House and Senate are squabbling over how much to take off, but final compromise will not be too far from a \$5 billion reduction. This will permit some tax relief and yet allow Republicans to present a theoretically balanced budget.

The slashing is bound to be pretty arbitrary. There will be plenty of howling and pressuring as the chips start to fly. And no group (except maybe the taxpayer) is going to be particularly pleased with the result.

We stress the theoretical element in the proposed budget because Congress, having determined on a firm figure, is in the approximate position of a pair of resolute householders who have decided to chart their income and outgo. They now have everything neatly proportioned — so much for rent, insurance, groceries. If Junior's teeth, Mama's social ambitions and Papa's poker are all kept under control — they may make it.

Similarly, if Congress can hold down revenue-consuming legislation, not forgetting the usual flock of last-minute deficiency bills, the budget may really *stay* balanced. The important distinction, however, between the average householder and the gov't is that the former knows approximately how much money he'll have coming in, assuming he has the good fortune to hold his job. But the gov't can never make anything more than a hazy guess-timate. Gov't revenues come from taxes. The tax volume depends upon the state of business. And it is well to keep in mind that the fiscal yr for which appropriations are now being merrily made doesn't even *begin* until July 1!

**TAXES:** There are some figure-minded persons in Republican ranks who are beginning to talk wistfully of the advantages of postponing tax reduction altogether for this calendar yr. A good deal can be said for this as a "sound money" measure. As a matter of practical politics, it won't work. Republicans promised tax relief and must produce. If they wait until '48, TRUMAN certainly will take the initiative, recommending a very substantial cut — and Democrats will get the credit! So tax reduction you will have! There you have the "WHY." Would you care to try for the "HOW MUCH?" and "WHEN?" questions?



### SHIFTING SANDS

While the new polaroid camera, turning out a finished picture a minute after exposure, will be a boon to amateur shutter-snappers, skeptical professionals see little prospect of eliminating dark-rooms for finer work in foreseeable future. Eastman is reported dicker-ing with Polaroid for mkt rights . . . "Prices will come down when big pig crop hits mkt this fall," meat men say confidently, discussing record peak for pork. Demand eases with warm weather and price trend is likely to be downward . . . With the draft due to expire March 31st, sentiment for universal military training is lower than at any time in recent yrs. Congress certainly won't vote any formal training for coming 18-yr-olds, despite Army needling. One reason is public indifference; another, the practical problem of shaving the budget . . . It is ironical to note that Scandinavians, who taught U S to ski, now import great quantities of light, fast, strong magnesium skis from us.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

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B CARROLL REECE, Republican nat'l chairman: "We (Republicans) won a great victory but today we have control of only one of the 3 major branches of the Federal gov't. The opposition still has the exec branch—and appointees of the opposition constitute an overwhelming majority of the judicial branch." 1-Q

Rep GEO SMATHERS, of Fla, opposing cuts in military funds: "Economy is important, money is important, but not when the choice can easily be between money and life—economy or bloodshed." 2-Q

KING GEO VI, in S African speech, declaring he hoped statesmanship would guide S Africa "towards a just and contented relationship between all dwellers in your many-peopled land:" "By achieving such a relationship you can show to the troubled world how peoples of different race and color may live and work together for the common good." 3-Q

N E DODD, Undersec'y of Agriculture: "We don't need any large-scale action to safeguard farm prosperity in '47. We don't expect prices of many farm commodities to fall below support levels this yr." 4-Q

POLLY FAIRCLOUGH, 65-yr-old professional boxer whose bouts have taken her all over world, pooh-poohing JOE LOUIS: "I'd like to see him taking any liberties." 5-Q

T W (TED) SLACK, Miami, Fla realtor: "The time has gone by when a buyer will fork over a \$5,000 bonus for the privilege of buying a place to live." 6-Q

Municipal airport control tower, Salt Lake City, radioing Army bomber that clipped boundary fence in take-off: "Army B-24, you have about 10 yds of our barbed wire fence wrapped around your landing gear." (Pilot's comeback: "What do you expect me to do, bring it back?") 7-Q

JOS MANNING, 102-yr-old Indian fighter, challenging JOEL MCCREA

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YOU ON THAT?"

to shooting contest when the film star arrives in Salt Lake City for world premier of *Ramrod*, official Utah centennial celebration film: "Today's crop of movie he-men — and especially this McCrea, whom I'm going to show up unless he's afraid to meet me — couldn't even scare an Indian papoose of my day, let alone fight off bands of Apaches." 8-Q

ROBT P PATTERSON, Sec'y of War: "We should not permit discussion of disarmament to confuse us to the point where we are the only people to disarm." 9-Q

Dr WM S SADLER, Chicago psychiatrist, author of *Modern Psychiatry*: "Phobias are not inherited. Children are taught them." 10-Q

PEGGY SAGE, N Y, pioneer in colored nail polish: "A woman wouldn't think of going without a nail polish today any more than her lipstick. She would feel naked." 11-Q

Mrs GRACE MILTON, Detroit, Mich, Cherokee Indian whose appearance in shopping district carrying 6 ft reptile brought charges of disturbing the peace, ultimate court dismissal of charges: "Nokomis (the snake) helps me get a seat on streetcars." 12-Q

Prof ERIC B HARE, author, addressing Los Angeles County Seventh Day Adventist Child Training Inst: "Religious education must be made more attractive to children if it is to be the remedy for juvenile delinquency . . . Whatever else is taught in the home or at school, the Bible should stand first. (It) is the greatest educator,

and it contains a freshness and beauty that attract and charm children and youth." 13-Q

Nat'l Reserve Officers Ass'n: "Many officers estimate that had the U S spent \$3 billion annually for nat'l security between '20 and '40, World War II would never have been fought. That would have been a total cost of \$60 billion, compared to \$500 billion. The U S simply forgot to pay her insurance premiums." 14-Q

GEO T CHRISTOPHER, pres Packard Motor Co.: "Mgt must abandon, for once and for all, the lingering belief that workers are interested only in their pay checks . . . It is up to us in mgt to see that the worker finds satisfaction in his job beyond and in addition to his financial reward." (Quoted in *American Business*.) 15-Q

Gen'l ROBT E WOOD, chairman Sears, Roebuck and Co: "If the increase continues at anything like the present rate, the next decade will add 15-17 million population. (This) would mean that by '50 our so-called farm problem will largely cease to exist, that instead of overproduction, we will have to increase our factories, machines and facilities of every kind." 16-Q

Dr HAROLD WOLFF, prof of medicine and psychiatry, Cornell univ medical college, observing headaches usually come to those who are "meticulous, over-conscientious, order-loving people": "When things don't go the way they like, they have trouble." 17-Q

Judge CHESTER D ADAMS, Lexington, Ky, refusing divorce to woman whose chief complaint was that her husband sometimes addressed her as "battle ax": "Anyone who listens to Amos and Andy or who is married knows that battle-ax is merely a term of affection." 18-Q

Sen HARRY F BYRD, of Va, cosponsor of bill with Sen HUGH BUTLER, of Neb, designed to curb federal spending: "In recent yrs the average citizen has been influ-

enced to hold the belief that a grant from Uncle Sam is a gift . . . when, in fact, we ourselves are the gov't . . . If our democracy is to survive, the people must support the gov't and not the gov't the people." 19-Q

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, India, Congress party's chief minister in the interim gov't, on "wise and courageous" British decision to withdraw completely from India not later than June '48: "We look forward to a peaceful and co-operative transition and to establishment of close and friendly relations with the British people for the mutual advantage of both countries." 20-Q

ROB'T R YOUNG, pres C & O Ry: "I think that those business men who continue to work and take out of industry large salaries to gratify their own ego are making a mistake. It is one of the chief things wrong with America today. Our best minds are devoting too much time to their own small money making problems." 21-Q

London Evening Standard, declaring in editorial inspired by present severe cold wave that centuries-old British tradition against central heating must go: "The age of ice should assume its proper place in history." 22-Q

SARAH G BLANDING, pres Vassar College: "The U S is engaged in a race between education and destruction. We can only hope that sufficient time will be given us to educate world public opinion to look to the UN and not to war for settlement of differences between nations." 23-Q

GEORGE C MARSHALL, Sec'y of State: "We do not lack for knowledge of what to do for our future security—the lessons of history provide plain guidance." 24-Q

FRANK R CREEDON, housing expeditor: "If the volume of new

construction in '47 approximates \$15 billion as the Dep't of Commerce estimates, labor shortages may become the major bottleneck in the housing program." 25-Q

Sen ALEXANDER WILEY, of Wis: "The hope of humanity is that the UN will do away with all warfare. However, let us lay plans for Gov't and legislation by television if need be." 26-Q

PAUL A VIETH, prof at Yale Divinity School: "The challenge of secular trends in public education makes it urgent that the churches engage in bold experimentation with new patterns of relationship between public schools and churches of a community." 27-Q

SHERMAN H DALRYMPLE, sec'y-treasurer CIO's Southern campaign, reporting "vicious opposition" to drive: "It has been said that the CIO is driving industry out of the South. This is not true. We want industry, but we want living conditions that will promote industry." 28-Q

WM Z FOSTER, chairman American Communist party, addressing British Communists at party's 19th nat'l congress, London: "The strength of American capitalism is completely illusory." 29-Q

Dr HANS WOLFRAM, a German physician, on trial for performing infamous experiments on human beings: "It was not the usual thing to take the (Hippocratic) oath when I was licensed in Berlin in '35." (The Hippocratic Oath, which is taken by all doctors, states, in one part: "That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it.") 30-Q

NORMAN ROCKWELL, artist: "The American woman is the sweetheart

of the world. Like champagne and compound interest she has improved with age." 31-Q

TRYGVE LIE, UN Sec'y Gen'l: "For the time being, the possibility of actual armed conflict can be discarded as a madman's dream." 32-Q

Londoner's comment on current coal crisis: "Thirty yrs ago I was sitting in a dismal dugout on the Somme lit by 6 flickering candles. Today I sit in a dismal office in London lit by one flickering candle." 33-Q

EMIL COOPER, conductor at Metropolitan Opera House, ret'g from trip to Europe: "In Europe the soprano has too little voice, the tenor has too little brains, the baritone has too little of either—and that's what they call an ensemble." 34-Q

JOHN G WINANT, former ambassador to Great Britain: "If we want to continue to have brotherhood, we must have a social and economic system which makes available to everyone the satisfaction of fundamental needs." 35-Q

HERMAN GROSECLOSE, Okla City sanitation engineer, vowing city's larger rodents disdain to chew way thru soft gypsum board encountered in some bldgs: "They just back up to the wall, coil their tail like a corkscrew and stick it in the wall. Then they walk away and pull out a hole like you pull a cork out of a bottle." 36-Q

H L MENCKEN, after signing contract with Cinema Pictures in Canada for an Ontario brewery to supply him with 2 cases of ale a mo for the rest of his life in ret'n for rights of his *History of the Bath-tub*: "Perhaps they believed they wouldn't have to ship it to me much longer but I'm out to fool them." 37-Q

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**The Country Doctor Comes Back,**  
—LYDIA G GIBERSON, M D, *American Magazine*, 3-47.

Medicine today is returning to "the country-doctor era," when the gen'l practitioner's two most dependable aides to diagnosis and treatment were his little black bag and his prodigious store of information about everyone in the community. The black bag might yield adhesive tape and splints . . . But that knowledge about the characteristics, associations, finances, and social life tucked away in the back of his brain helped to treat more patients than would the thousands of medicaments on a modern drugstore's shelves . . . He knew Nellie's headaches need not be the result of sinus trouble. Rather, they might be caused by Jerry's shyness and his slowness in coming to a proposal of marriage. A sugar pill to Nellie, a cautious word to Jerry generally "cured" the headaches. He knew, too, that financial worries might cause Farmer Jones's recurrent attacks of "ulcers," or Widow Smith's "heart trouble."

Doctors have been too preoccupied with the body and its component parts. Today they are returning to a truth Plato advanced more than 2,000 yrs ago: ". . . Neither ought you to attempt to cure the body without the soul . . . for the part can never be well unless the whole is well . . ."

This swing back to a gen'l understanding of the patient in place of overspecialization has been labeled psychosomatic medicine. It sounds like a new specialty. It isn't . . . It is the scientific employment of medical training and experience and basic psychiatry coupled with an understanding of the emotional problems of the patient, problems the country doctor knew intuitively.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENT—1

The only knocker in the world that does any good is—the hammer. It keeps its head. It doesn't fly off the handle. It keeps pounding away. It finds the point, then drives it home. It looks at the other side, too, and thus often clinches the matter. It makes mistakes, but when it does it starts all over again.—*A G Stores Bulletin*, Kansas City, Mo.

#### ANGER—2

Anger is never without reason, but seldom with a good one.—*Swanson Newsette*.

#### ATHEISM—3

Only in Atheism does the spring rise higher than the source, the effect exist without the cause, life come from a stone, blood from a turnip, a silk purse from a sow's ear, a Beethoven Symphony or a Bach Fugue from a kitten's walking across the keys.—*Jas M GILLIS*, quoted in *Chicago Sunday Tribune Magazine of Books*.

#### CO-OPERATION—4

The old Romans expressed a fine understanding of rules of co-operation when they demanded that their two Consuls could only act when both agreed. The veto of one was always stronger than the demand of the other. What one wanted did not count when the other disliked it. That should be a rule for family life as well.—*Rudolf DREIKURS*, *The Challenge of Marriage*. (Duell, Sloan and Pearce)

#### CRITICISM—5

It is said that every business fears the customer who, when dissatisfied, says nothing—who simply walks out and never comes back. It is the person who storms and fusses about anything that's wrong who is the real friend to the business. It is thru his criticism that the firm learns its weak points.—*York Trade Compositor*.

#### DETERMINATION—6

Consider the oyster: With a little grit it can produce a pearl of great value.—*ROLLO C HESTER*.

#### DISCIPLINE—7

Discipline, as practiced by the monks of the Grande Chartreuse monastery, is of an exceptional austerity. During meals no one may complain of any inconvenience he himself may be subjected to. One

75-yr-old novice discovered a rat drowned in his jug of wine. He did not dare to drink it, but he was extremely thirsty. He endured patiently for a while, and eventually indicated to the presiding monk, "Father, my brother here hasn't any rat in his jug of wine."—*L'Illustration*. (Paris)

#### They DO Say . . .

In case you hadn't noticed, cost-of-living declined slightly between mid-Dec and mid-Jan, 1st time since Feb '46. Extent of decline: estimated three-tenths of 1% . . . *United Nations World* reports U S spent \$520 million for candy, on wholesale price basis, during 1st 10 mo's of '46. Commenting on figure, a UN delegate said that his small country, if it had that am't to carry its entire annual budget for 10 yrs, would become a paradise on earth . . . Three naval officers, making new ventures for Hideki Tojo, former Japanese premier, engraved "Remember Pearl Harbor" in morse code on upper plate . . . Research to discover which of 5 senses people respond to most readily is recorded in *York Trade Compositor*: 87% react to attraction of sight; 7% to sound; 3½% to smell; 1½% to touch; only 1% to attraction of taste . . . The indomitable Kilroy has evidently picked up some education in his travels around the world. Leaving word of a visit to Catholic Univ campus, he noted loftily: *Kilroy hic erat!*

#### EGOTISM—8

When two egotists meet, it is a case of an I for an I.—*Threads*, hm, Geometric Tool Co, New Haven, Conn.

#### FRIENDSHIP—9

A friend should be one in whose understanding and virtue we can equally confide, and whose opinion we can value at once for its justness and its sincerity.—*Rob't HALL*, *Birmingham News-Age-Herald*.

#### HANDICAPS—10

"The blind are the most handicapped," some of the deaf will write, "because they cannot see things coming, can't play ball, can't see pretty things and they



don't even know what a tree or a mountain looks like. We can read, and we can see. We'd rather be deaf."

"The deaf are the most handicapped," many of the blind will say. "They can't laugh, or sing, or hear the wind blowing, or even hear what people are saying, like we can. They can't talk to each other easily. They don't know what a friend's voice sounds like. They can't even hear music. They don't know what it is. We'd rather be blind."

There's a lesson in that for those of us who know mountains and music, too.—PAUL SAUNIER, Jr., *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

#### INCOME—11

Today one family in every 12 takes in more than \$100 a wk. Ten yrs ago it was one in 50.—*Sales Mgt.*

#### LEADERSHIP—12

Napoleon said that the finest army ever put together is useless without leadership, and that the poorest army could be made great by leadership.

Every baseball or football player knows his team has to have a capt, and every soldier knows he has to have officers. Yet many workers have been led to believe that businesses don't need leaders or mgrs. They have also been led to believe that mgrs get salaries that are too high.

The fact is that if all managerial salaries of \$10,000 or more were divided among workers it would am't to about 40¢ per wk per worker.

Thus, the cost of leadership is seen to be ridiculously low, when you remember what Napoleon said about the worth of leadership.—*Gilcrafter*, hm, Gilbert Paper Co, Menasha, Wis.

#### MARRIAGE—13

Songstress Bea Wain, now participating in a husband-and-wife program every afternoon on Station WCMA, told how her better half, Andre Baruch, proposed: "Now listen carefully, miss," the announcer spied, "if our marriage is not entirely satisfactory your name will be cheerfully refunded."—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

#### ORIGIN—Book—14

Ancient Anglo-Saxons wrote on strips of bece, or beech, wood. The

middle English synonym for BECE was BOC. This eventually became BOOK.—KVP *Philosopher*.

#### PEACE—15

An English friend once told of a picture he saw in a little old shop. It was called "Peace," and was the picture of a ship under full sail, majestically skimming along, with blue skies and a perfect sea. He did not catch the significance of the title until, on closer examination of the ship, he saw staring out of a porthole below deck a savage black face, lined with anger and pain. The artist's purpose was made clear. It was a slave ship.

How perfectly that picture described our world, until its inner tensions caused the explosion of war that has just ceased. How graphically it describes many of our lives. On the surface everything appears calm and serene, yet beneath are those forces that disintegrate personality, breaking the soul—and there is no peace.—O L SCHUMPERT, "Peace in a Peaceless World," *Pulpit Digest*, 2-'47.

#### PREJUDICE—16

The difference between a prejudice and a conviction is that you can explain a conviction without getting mad.—*Baptist Message*.

#### Where We Came In . . .

When the 1st atomic bomb exploded in N Mexico, the desert sand turned to fused green glass.

This fact, according to *Free World*, has given certain archaeologists a turn. They have been digging in the ancient Euphrates Valley and have uncovered a layer of agrarian culture 8,000 yrs old, and a layer of herdsman culture much older, and a still older caveman culture. Recently they reached another layer . . . of fused green glass.

Think it over, brother!—*This Wk.* 17

#### PURPOSE—Lack—18

The story is told of a Chinese man who stood by the wayside lacking on a log. A friend asked him, "What are you making?"

He repl'd, "Oh, I don't know. I maybe idol. Maybe bedstead."

Is that the picture of our aimlessness?—*Chaplain*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY  
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MEGAPHONE**

Since there are Pulitzer Awards for almost every cultural endeavor and public service—including editorials, plays, photography and music—it may come as something of a surprise to most persons to learn that motion picture production has never participated in these widely-distributed honors.

The omission is quite understandable. Jos Pulitzer outlined his endowment program in a will dated April 16, 1904. At that date motion pictures had not emerged from the nickelodeon stage. Pulitzer, blind in his later yrs, probably never saw a moving picture. Even had he witnessed such as were then available, it is doubtful if he could have foreseen the evolution of 4 decades.

Fortunately, however, Pulitzer had the foresight to free his Advisory Board of crippling restrictions. They are free to make changes "conducive to the public good" or necessitated "by reason of change of time." Thus the subject of a motion picture award is again in the air. A special committee met recently to discuss the proposal and a picture award for '48 is a definite possibility.

In this connection, Irving Hoffman, of the staff of *Hollywood Reporter*, quotes Herbert Bayard Swope, once executive editor under Pulitzer. "I suspect," said Swope, "that Pulitzer would have been much interested in pictures and would have made an effort to build them up as a new medium instead of merely an escape valve."

While the monetary value of a Pulitzer Prize is nominal (\$500) they have carried much prestige and are, of course, much sought and widely publicized. If the committee rules motion pictures now warrant inclusion, there will be great interest in the initial winner.



**AUTOMOBILES:** Auto tires will be more effectively tested at high speeds because of winged automobiles. Wing, attached to one side of car, outsets centrifugal force of vehicle speeding around circular track. With it, tire wear during test is about same as on straight highway. (*Science Service*)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Dictograph is now featuring low cost, electronic inter-communication system designed to bring big business efficiency to any co, large or small. You merely flip switch, get instant voice-to-voice contact with anyone in the organization. Low upkeep, excellent reproduction, flexibility of operation should help solve some of the interior problems of business concerns. (*Forbes*)

**HOUSEHOLD AIDS:** British scientists are working on ultra-sound waves which may wash clothes without use of soap, revolutionizing laundry processes. (*Hartford Courant*)

**INVENTIONS:** Lightweight aluminum crutches, adjustable in height, can be folded at twist of hand into walking cane. Armlets, handgrips are of soft Neoprene rubber. (*Financial Post*)

**MEDICINE:** Plastics made from human blood are in use in surgery for covering exposed tissues, splicing severed blood vessels. Advantage is that mat'l is ultimately absorbed by body after serving purpose. (*Omaha World-Herald*)

**PLASTICS:** Plastic ry ties, now being tested, are hard, compact, water-resistant, long wearing. (*Cap-er's Wkly*)

**TELEVISION:** New television receiver with pivoting screen permits viewing from either side as well as front. Receiver has swivel tube mounting, permits pivoting over 60° angle. (*U P Dispatch*)

#### RACE—Discrimination—19

An interesting sidelight on the recent hotel strike in Washington was the variation in the picket lines at the several hotels. At one Connecticut Ave hostelry, segregated picket lines prevailed, with white workers picketing the front entrance and Negroes picketing the rear.—JOS D LOHMAN & EDWIN R EMBREE, "The Nation's Capital," *Survey Graphic*, 1-47.

#### REPARTEE—20

The philosopher had a controversy with a theologian, and the theologian brought up this time-honoured taunt—"You philosophers are like blind men in dark rooms looking for black cats that are not there," and the philosopher repl'd, "Ah, yes, but you would have found them."—DR C E M JOAD, *BBC*.

#### SAFETY—21

Nat'l Safety Council says there are 30% more deaths and 20% more injuries off the job than on it. If you want to be safer, go to work!—*Construction Digest*.

#### SUCCESS—22

For threescore yrs I have been analyzing the causes of success and failure. Experience has taught me that financial success, job success, and happiness in human relations are, in the main, the result of (a) physical well being; (b) constant effort to develop one's personal assets; (c) setting up and working toward a series of life goals; (d) allowing time for meditation and spiritual regeneration.—ROGER W BABSON, *syndicated col.*

#### TIME—23

Here are the results of survey conducted by a psychology class at the Univ of Wis. If you live to be 70 or over, chances are that you will spend at least 20 yrs asleep. Two hrs of your life will be taken up just punching a time clock or signing a time sheet for the 25 solid yrs of work you will do.

Golf, bowling and hiking will probably take up some of the 7 yrs you are allowed for sports and walking. For 5 yrs you will shave and dress, and spend 5 mo's tying your shoes. Of the 614,100 hrs in your lifetime, a few over 4,000 are allowed for playing cards. For 7 yrs you will go to the movies, theater, or other amusements. An-

other yr will be spent at the telephone.

For 2½ hrs you will sit at a table, eating, and for another 2½ yrs you will smoke or chew gum.

The 70-yr life span includes 3 yrs of waiting, 30 hrs annually looking in mirrors, and just for the record, you are allowed 4 hrs a yr for wiping your nose.—MARIAN PEHOWSKI, *Jnl of Living*.



If libraries are to compete with movies, bars, night clubs and pin-ball centers, they should remain open until 10 or 11 p m; few libraries do. It is impossible for most Americans to spend an enjoyable and profitable evening in the library. At ten of nine, lights begin to wink out; at nine, the unfortunate reader is shoved into the st. Employed people are thus penalized. What about cost? Open later in the morning.—DEXTER G DAVIS, "An Ad-Man Looks at Libraries," *Library Jnl*, 2-1-47.

#### WISDOM—24

As the world knows, the Arabs are as proud of their horses as we are of our motorcars, and each Arab tribe has certain grazing grounds for the horses of its tribesmen. Two chieftains took their horses who were in foal to the grazing grounds and ret'd to the camp site to await the time when the horses would give birth. When they ret'd to the grazing ground, they were surprised to find only one colt. Both chieftains claimed the colt and to settle the matter they told their story to the sheik, who tried various ways to find the actual mother. He tried leading one mare and the colt would follow that mare and then chase back and forth between the two. He would lead the colt away and the two mares would follow the colt. Finally, the chieftain appealed to an Arabian judge. The judge decided to out-Solomon Solomon. He took the colt and had it thrown in the river. The mother of the colt jumped in after it, while the stepmother ran up and down the bank of the river neighing.—*Esquire*.

### The Beard of the Prophet

Each season finds its quota of books that are termed "unique." Lost Men of American History, by STEWART H HOLBROOK (Macmillan, \$3.50) deserves the appellation. This vol might have carried as its subtitle, "The Odyssey of The Obscure." The author has gathered into a single source the little-known stories of men and women who, in their several ways, influenced the course of our daily lives. There was Frederic Tudor, the Ice King, whose active imagination brought cold drinks to hot climes and made possible our modern soda fountain. There was Rob't Gibbon Johnson, of Salem, N J, who, one day in 1820, stood on the courthouse steps and, while the citizenry gaped, ate a tomato—the supposedly poisonous "love apple." And then, of course, there was Joseph Palmer.

Joe Palmer, of Fitchburg and Harvard, Mass, was born almost a century too late, and 75 yrs too early to wear whiskers with impunity. But he wore them anyway.

This continent was explored by men of many nationalities, most of them wearing whiskers. Then came the Pilgrims and the Puritans, bearded almost to a man. But the beards did not endure. By 1720, at latest, American colonists were wholly free of facial hair. American fighting men of the Revolution were beardless. No signer of the Declaration had beard or whiskers. No President before Lincoln had whiskers (Van Buren affected a sideburn fringe).

So, when Palmer came to town wearing a beard in 1830, whiskers had been virtually nonexistent for 100 yrs. Everywhere he went small boys threw stones and cried "Old Jew Palmer." The local pastor took Palmer to task for his eccentricity, but he repl'd with exact Scriptural commands.

In spite of snubs, Palmer never missed a church service. One Sunday when the officiating clergyman ignored him, Joe arose and strode to the communion table. He lifted the cup to his lips, took a mighty swig. "I love my Jesus," he shouted, "as well and better than any of you!"

A few days later, seized by 4 men armed with shears, brush, soap and razor, Palmer managed to get a jackknife out of his pocket. He laid about him wildly, cutting 2 assailants. He was arrested and, refusing to pay a nominal fine, as a matter of principle, was lodged in jail. Even here he had to fight with fury for Jailer Bellows came with several men with the idea of removing the now famous beard. Palmer threw himself at them as fiercely as a bear protecting its young, and to such effect that the jailer and his men retreated with-

out a hair. Palmer also successfully defended the beard against 2 attempts by prisoners, who vowed to shave it off. There he stayed for more than a yr, writing letters to justify his position. These missives, smuggled by his son, appeared in the Worcester Spy, and were widely copied.

People all over Mass read the letters and began to reflect: Was it not inherent in the Constitution that a man could wear on his back, or on his face, what he pleased? Ridicule and indifference turned to sympathy. The sheriff came to realize that he had a Tartar and quite possibly a martyr on his hands. It was suggested to Palmer that he run along home and forget the whole business. He refused to budge. Matter of principle. He sat there in a chair like a whiskered Buddha until the desperate sheriff and jailers picked him up in his chair and carried him out.

Never again was violence attempted on Joe Palmer's beard. By the time of his eviction his adornment was famous as far away as N Y. He soon became a minor figure in New England's intellectual ferment. He met Emerson, Thoreau, Alcott, Channing and these men found him an odd but staunch character.

In late life, Palmer found himself something of a hero. The yrs crept on, and with them the great beard grew even more prodigiously. A photograph taken at about this time shows a growth that would make Walt Whitman a beardless youth in comparison. At last, many yrs before he died, the whiskers, you might say, of all America came into fullest glory. This Second Coming of the beard was sudden, an almost instantaneous growth that covered the face of the male U S. Joe Palmer, immensely happy, beheld his justification and his glory.



### Young American Geese

March 3rd marks the centennial celebration of the birth of ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, inventor of the telephone. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of the distinguished phoneticist, ALEXANDER MELVILLE BELL, young BELL was educated at the Univ of Edinburgh and Univ College, London. In 1871 he came to the U S and introduced for the education of deaf mutes his father's system of visible speech which, with but few improvements, is still in gen'l use.

The 1st telephone was completed in 1876, after 9 yrs of research and experiment, and was introduced at the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition where it was pronounced the "wonder of wonders in electric telegraphy." The Bell Telephone Co was organized in July, 1877.

This excerpt, told in Bell's own words, is from How They Succeeded (Lothrop), a collection of success stories compiled by O S MARDEN.

If a man is not bound down, he is sure to succeed. He may be bound down by environment, or by doting parental petting. In Paris, they fatten geese to create a diseased condition of the liver. A man stands with a box of very finely prepared and very rich food beside a revolving stand, and, as it revolves, one goose after another passes before him. Taking the 1st goose by the neck, he clamps down its throat a large lump of the food, whether the goose will or no, until its crop is well stuffed out, and then he proceeds with the rest in the same very mechanical manner. Now, I think, if those geese had to work for their food, they would digest it better, and be far healthier geese. How many young American geese are stuffed in about the same manner at college and at home, by their rich and fond parents!



They were giving a small dinner party, and for a special treat the little son of the house had been allowed to come down.

They had reached the dessert stage when he remarked in loud, confidential tones to his mother:

"Will dessert upset me tonight, mummie, or is there enough to go around?"—*Christian Observer*.

A young clergyman, after delivering his first funeral sermon, wished to invite the mourners to view the departed. He became confused and said: "We will now pass around the bler."—*Jobber Topics*.

Serving a term in an Alaskan jail, a gentleman of fortune was given the job of splitting and sawing wood for the huge stoves that heated the bldg. Every day thru the colder mo's he brought in only the fuel necessary to keep the fires going, and stacked up in another bldg several cords for the future. When his release came and he went his way, the marshal discovered sadly, in the reserve supply, that his late boarder had found a way to amuse himself.

As he labored on the woodpile in below-zero weather, the prisoner had with malice aforethought sawed each stick of wood precisely 2 inches longer than stove-width.

—*True*.



## OF THE WEEK

The wolf may lose his teeth, he never loses his inclinations.—*Russian Proverb*.

Sometimes the grass may be greener in the other pasture—but it's usually the same old bull.—*HOWARD W. NEWTON, Adv & Selling*.

Alimony is a system by which, when two people make a mistake, one continues to pay for it.—*Arcadia (Wis) News-Leader*.

# GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

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A man walking on the moors was caught in a torrential downpour. He looked around for some sort of cover and spotted a hollow tree lying on its side. To gain protection from the tempest, he crept inside thru a narrow opening.

He lay there for 2 hrs before he realized he had become virtually a prisoner in the tree. The rain had caused it to swell, and the opening thru which he had entered was now too small for him to squeeze his way out. But even worse was soon to follow: the tree began to press in on him and he knew it would be only a matter of hrs before he was crushed to death.

Such was the horror of his predicament that, like a drowning man, his past life flashed before him in a panorama. He saw what a mean, selfish life he had led and he began to feel so small that he realized he could now creep out thru the opening. This he did—went home and led an exemplary life ever after!—*Magazine Digest*.

The editor of a small town paper got rather irritated over the lists of "Best Five Books" sent him from this and that publisher. So he decided to publish his own list, even if he had to draw on his imagination, and he came up with this: *Red Mud*, by Virginia Clay; *The Well Digger*, by I M Loew; *The Great Emperor*, by Roy L King; *The Cloudy Day*, by May Rain; and *Lost in a Forest*, by Seymour Woods.—*Volta Review*.

Two of three girls who had grown up together married and thereafter they continually annoyed their spinster friend with

tactless remarks about her unhappy condition.

She laughed off their comments good-naturedly until one day they went a bit too far.

"Now tell us truthfully," they twitted her, "have you ever really had a chance to marry?"

With a withering glance, she retorted, "Suppose you ask your two husbands!"—*Home Life*.

The GI wrote home from Japan that he was planning to marry a Japanese girl. His parents, in ret'n, inq'd if she were a Christian, a college grad and a Republican. The GI repl'd he was sure about the first two "and I think she's a Republican because the first time I tried to kiss her she said, 'I know Dewey.'"—*FLORENCE SWIHART, Des Moines Register*.

A woman social worker called on a poverty-stricken housewife with a brood of dirty, hungry children. A woman-to-woman talk ensued, during which the poor mother unfolded her story—hunger and privation, 2 boys headed for reform school, and a drunken husband who loafed and stole the rent money.

The social worker had confided a few minor details of her own personal life, including the fact that she was a spinster.

Hearing of her visitor's unmarried state, the housewife was filled with pity and compassion. "Oh, deary," she sobbed, "I can feel for you. Ain't it hell to be an old maid?"—*Wall St Jnl*.

When Dr Chas A Beard, the eminent political scientist, was spending a few days in a small Conn town, the postmaster asked him what kind of a doctor he was.

Dr Beard explained: "Doctor of Philosophy."

The postmaster scratched his head a moment and said, "Guess we don't have much of that around here."—*This Month*.



